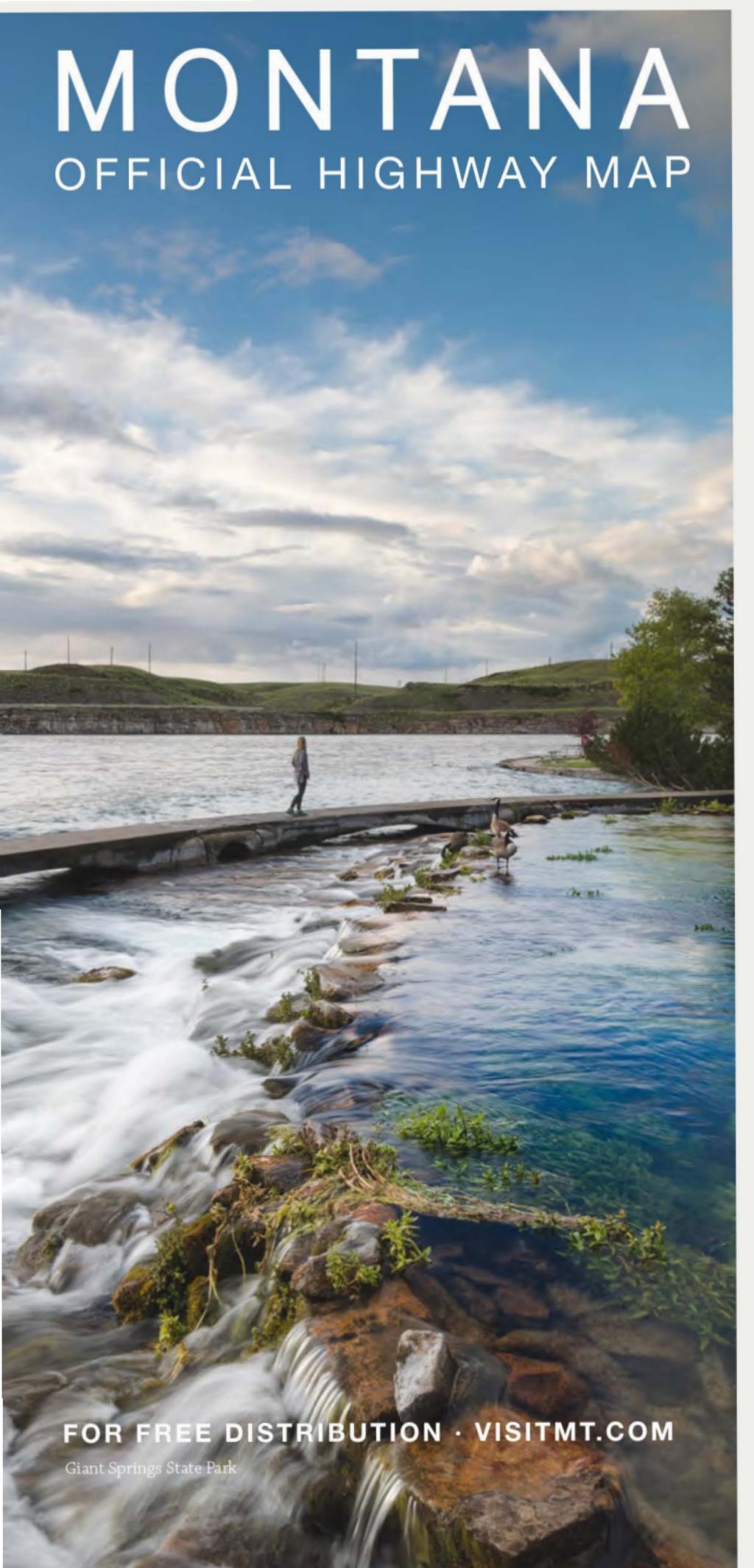


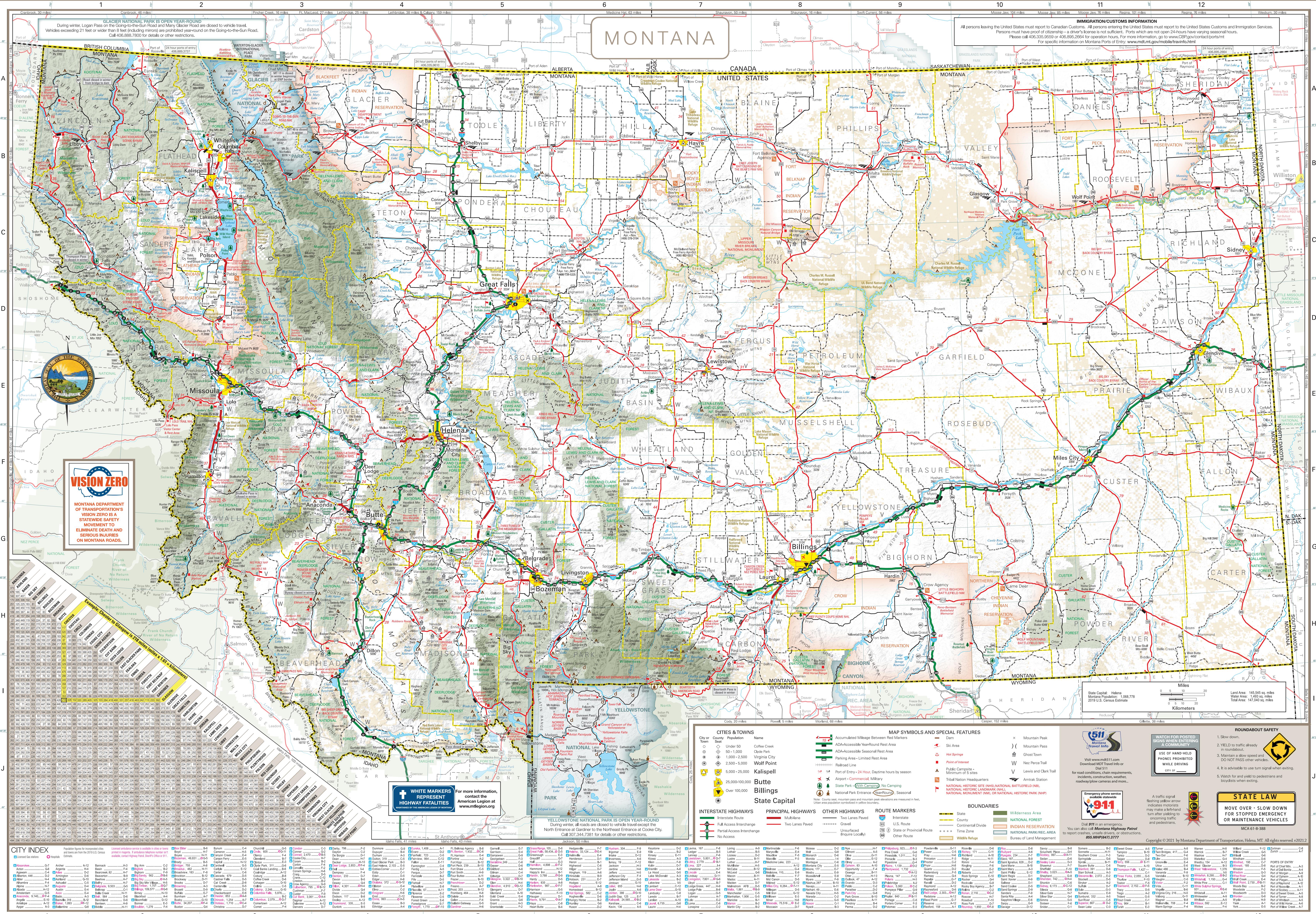
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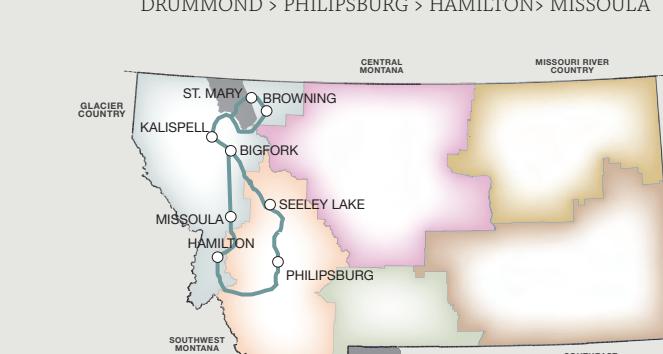
Giant Springs State Park



PICTURE PERFECT VIEWS

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ROUTE: MISSOULA > BIGFORK > KALISPELL > BROWNING > SEELEY LAKE > DRUMMOND > PHILIPSBURG > HAMILTON > MISSOULA

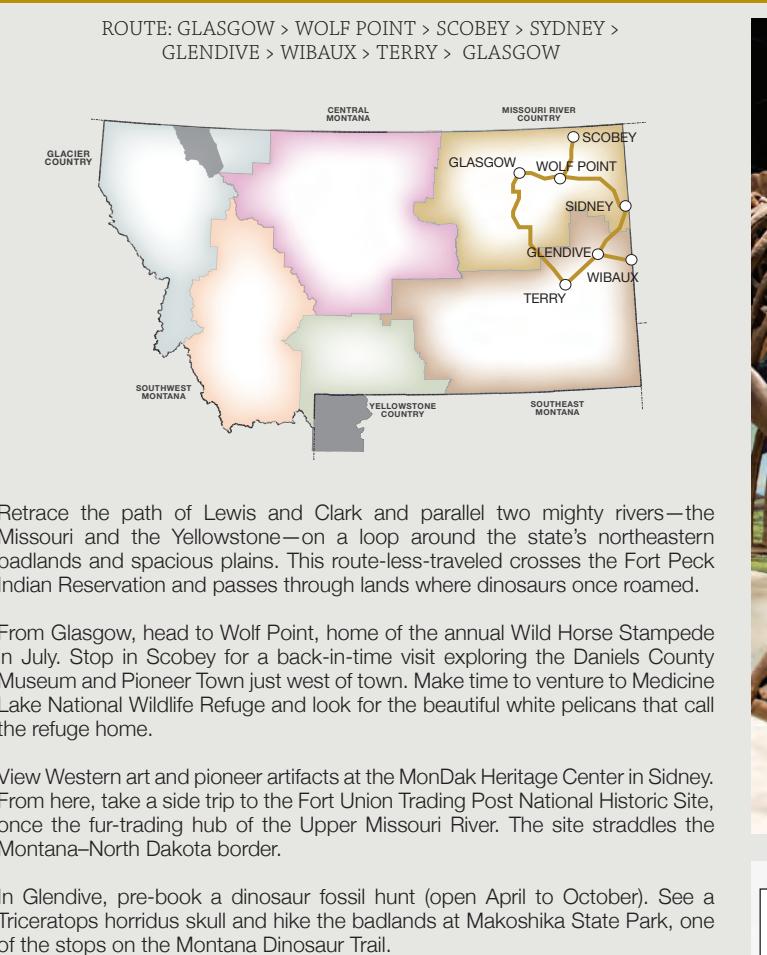
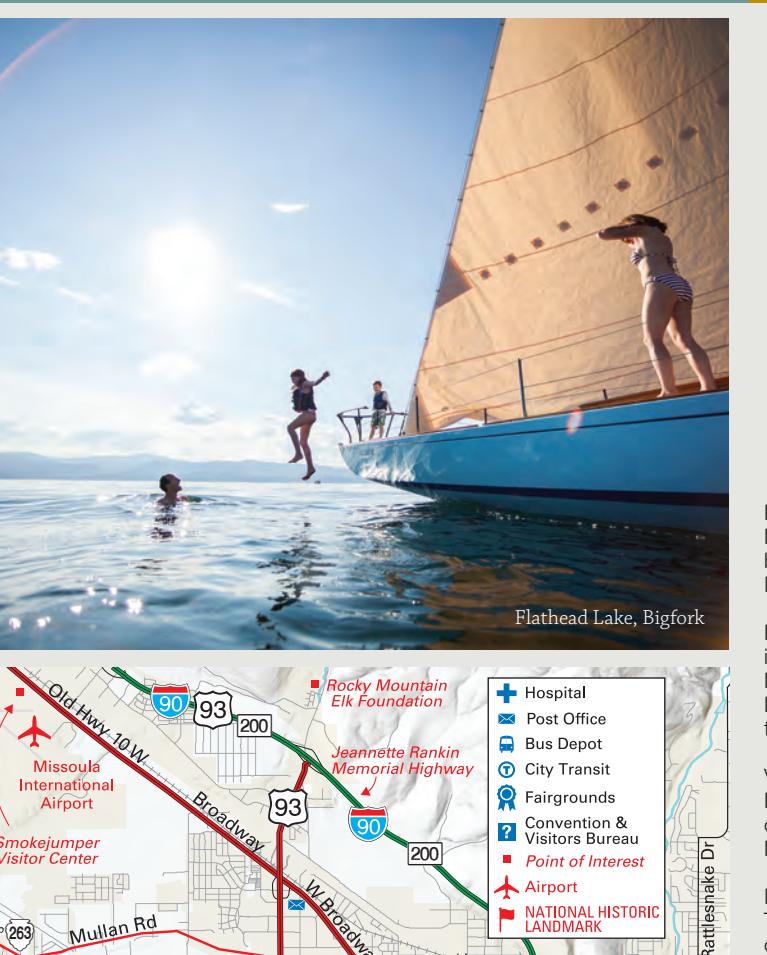
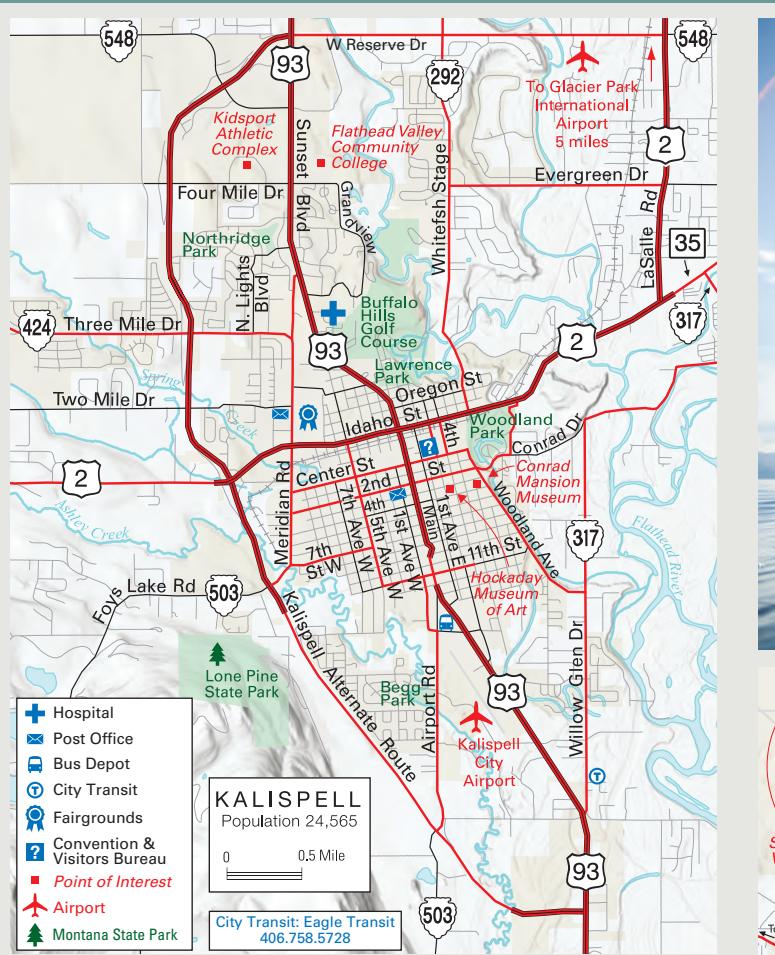


Get ready for a road trip packed with adventure. Learn to river surf, fly-fish, watch bison roam, mine for genuine Montana sapphires and wander through charming small towns. The route of the 'Picture Perfect Views' is open year-round and offers plenty of activities. Join us on a scenic paddleboat, kayak, take a boat tour, fish or sail. Explore the charming small towns around the lake or discover outdoor adventure at one of six state parks. Be sure to grab delicious, locally grown Flathead cherries for a taste of Montana.

Photograph some of Montana's amazing wildlife around Kalispell or hike in Lone Pine State Park for the eye-can-see mountain views. Travel to Browning to learn the history of the Blackfeet Tribe at the Museum of the Plains Indian. By way of St. Mary, head to the famous Going-to-the-Sun Road through Glacier National Park to see kettle ponds where waterfowl congregate.

In Seeley Lake, boat or bike in the summer and snowmobile, snowshoe or cross-country ski in the winter. Make sure to save time to mine for Montana sapphires in Philipsburg.

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SMALL-TOWN CHARM

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ROUTE: HELENA > BUTTE > WISE RIVER > VIRGINIA CITY > ENNIS > BUTTE



Wander through authentic 1800s ghost towns on this arduous route over mountains, across the Continental Divide and along blue-ribbon trout streams. Legend has it that some of the smaller towns harbor gold rush-era ghosts.

Start in the state capital, Helena, on foot or bike. The city is known for its network of classic multi-use trail-tracks and its self-guided walking tours. Book a two-hour boat tour down the Missouri River through the Gates of the Mountains. The river route appears to be blocked by a 1,200-foot-tall cliff. Only those on the journey via boat can see the "gate" magically open to reveal a path down the river.

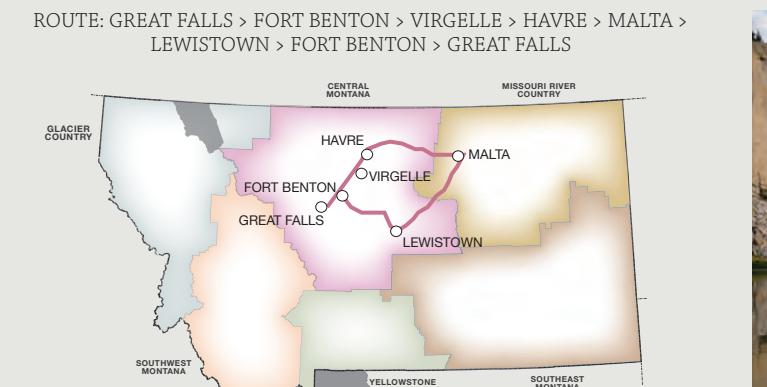
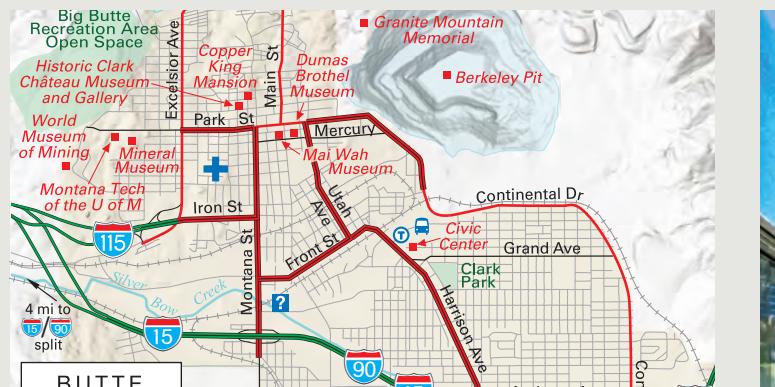
Discover Butte, once known as the Richest Hill on Earth thanks to the multi-billion-dollar mining industry of the 1800s. Discover the history of a local brewery on a trolley tour or an underground tour. Be sure to grab a drink at a local brewery or distillery.

At Wise River, slow down and enjoy breathtaking views along the 49-mile-long Pioneer Mountain Scenic Byway. In summer, visit the ghost town of Codrige and dig for crystals at Crystal Park.

In Ennis, Montana's best-primitive ghost town, Bitterroot State Park, New Gold, Virginia City, and Ennis are little towns with about 190 full-time residents. The three towns have a collection of 19th-century buildings and Americans, including more than 100 arched and music machines.

Spending time in the tiny town of Ennis with a fly-fishing outfitter or relax with a soak in one of the area's natural hot springs.

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YELLOWSTONE AND BEYOND

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ROUTE: BOZEMAN > LIVINGSTON > ARBAROKEE > RED LODGE > YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK SILVER GATE ENTRANCE > GARDINER > LIVINGSTON > BOZEMAN



Outdoor adventure and spectacular scenery abound on this scenic loop through southern Montana, along the Beartooth Highway and into Yellowstone National Park. Hike on a wilderness plateau, raft the Stillwater River or horseback ride in Paradise Valley.

Begin in Bozeman, the adventure capital of the northern Rockies. In winter, ice climb in Hyalite Canyon or hit the slopes at a local ski resort. During summer learn to rock climb or get a guided trip or hike through one of six nearby mountain ranges, including the spectacular Absarokee and Spanish Peaks.

Journey to Livingston and visit a local angler shop. Buy hand-tied ties, hire a local fly-fishing guide and get tips on where the trout are biting.

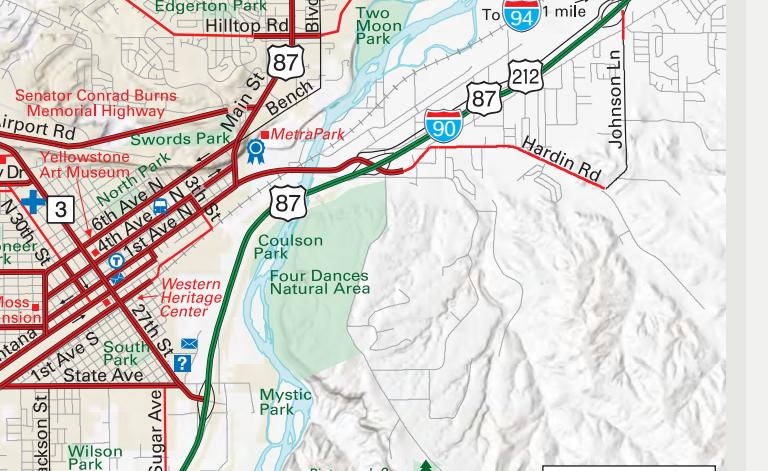
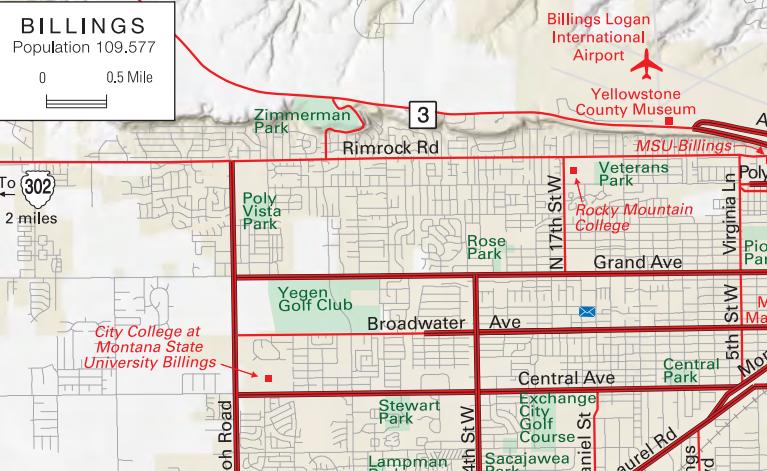
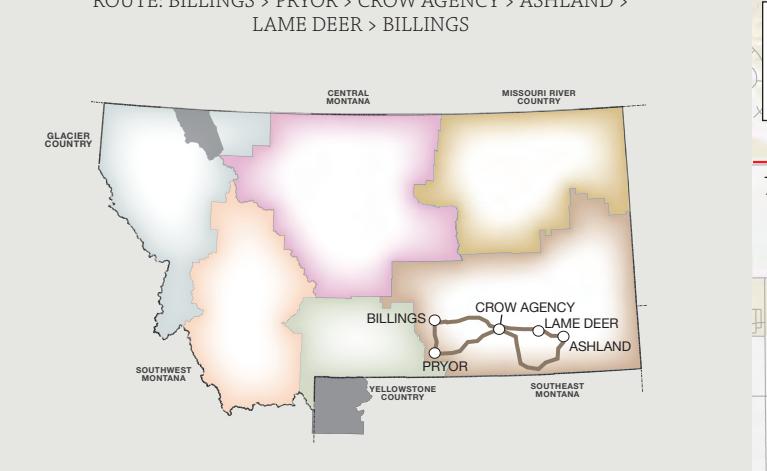
Trade your car for a horse and hit the trail with an outfitter in Paradise Valley that offers trips to places like Yellowstone National Park and the Absarokee-Beartooth Wilderness. In Absarokee, take a ride into Montana's highest mountains.

Look in the sky on the Beartooth Highway (open late May to mid-October), which connects Red Lodge to the northeast entrance of Yellowstone National Park. This highway, designated as an All-American Road, winds across the Beartooth Plateau, which rises 10,000 feet above sea level, and past 20 peaks that tower over 12,000 feet.

Prepare to be amazed on a route that follows the Grand Loop. Read through Yellowstone National Park highlights like the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone; the bubbling Mud Volcano area; and Mammoth Hot Springs, a hotbed of geothermal formations.

Take the Paradise Valley Scenic Drive (U.S. 89). Paralleling the Upper Yellowstone River between the Absarokee and Gallatin mountain ranges, this route passes through the lower valley and delivers pure Montana mountain and river views.

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ROAMING THE GREAT PLAINS

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ROUTE: GREAT FALLS > FORT BENTON > VIRGELIE > HAVRE > MALTA > LEWISTOWN > FORT BENTON > GREAT FALLS



For Native Americans, bison, also referred to as buffalo, are revered symbols of strength and unity. Celebrate bison, see them now and discover how the national mammal helped mold the story of this adventure across badlands and prairies.

Discover Great Falls, home to the C.M. Russell Museum, a tribute to legendary Western artist Charlie Russell. In Umt, visit the First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park, a sandstone cliff with nearly 18 feet of compacted bison remains below the jump. This park is also a ceremony site used by the Little Shell tribe.

Journey to the birthplace of Montana, Fort Benton. At the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Interpretive Center, buy a two-day admission ticket that includes the center, Old Fort Benton, Museum of the Upper Missouri and Museum of the Northern Plains.

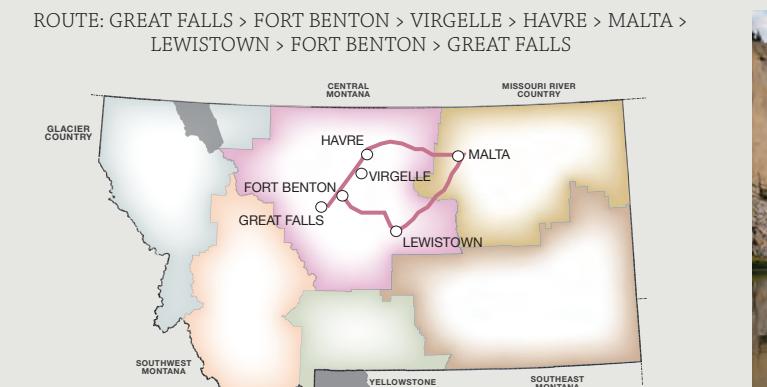
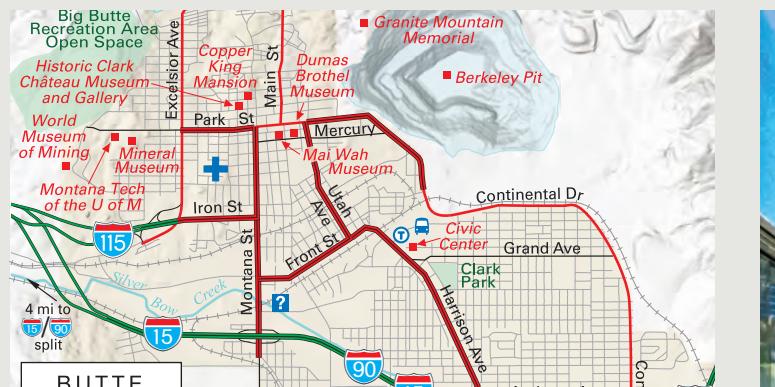
Arrive in Lewistown at White Crag Amphitheater. Stroll along the river with an occupied bed of archaeological deposits, including compacted bison bones and skulls. See bison bones on a guided tour of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation's buffalo jump.

Pay paleontologist at the Great Plains Dinosaur Museum and Phillips County Museum in Malta. Take a side trip to Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge.

Follow the self-guided guided M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge auto tour, which parallels the Missouri River. Northwest of Livingston, ride the Charlie Russell Chugach Montana river trail (available select weekend days in summer and early fall).

Discover Bear Gulch Pictographs, a 310-million-year-old limestone inland sea formation with more than 3,000 drawings by ancient peoples.

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BILLINGS TO THE BIGHORN

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ROUTE: BILLINGS > PRYOR > CROW AGENCY > ASHLAND > LAME DEER > BILLINGS



Start this history-packed trip in Billings and travel across southeast Montana for some of the best Native American warrior history of the Great Plains. See in the sights of the largest city in Montana, hear tales of tribal wars, see historic battlefields and explore ancient indigenous art.

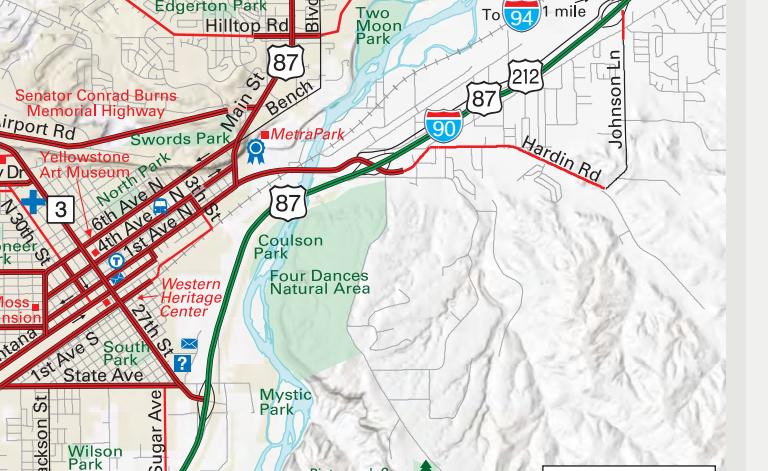
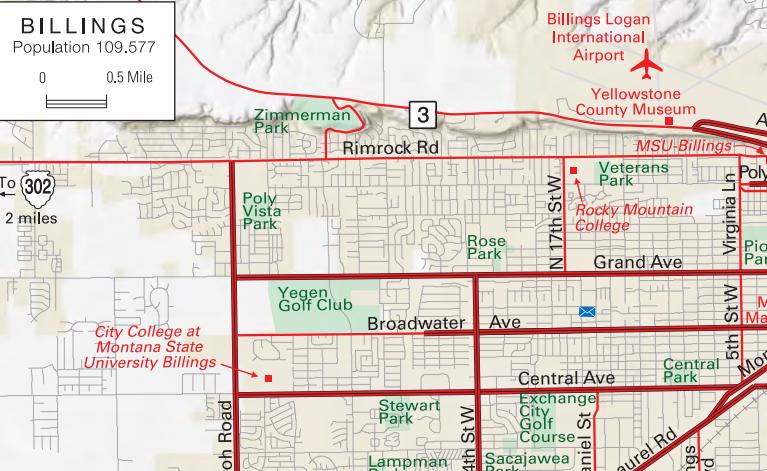
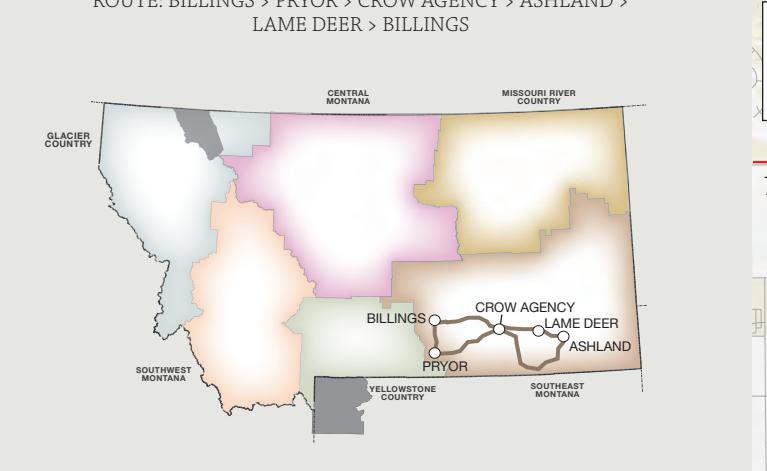
Explore Billings and walk its historic downtown, take a brewery tour or visit the Yellowstone Art Museum and Western Heritage Center for a look at art and artifacts from the region. Visit the Crow Indian Reservation in Pryor, which is a economic hub overlooking the Yellowstone River. Walk the short trails of Pictograph Cave State Park and witness the unique pictographs left by ancient storytellers from hundreds of years ago. Learn about the fascinating life of the last traditional Crow war chief at Chief Plenty Coups State Park near Pryor.

For extra adventure, spend time on the water and explore the picturesque Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. Rent a pontoon boat from the Ok-a-Belt Marina and float past canyon landscapes as you travel down the Bighorn River.

Explore Rockford Battlement State Park, location of one of the greatest Indian conflicts ever to occur in Montana. Travel to Tongue River Reservoir State Park for a modern frontier camping adventure or head to Ashland and explore St. Labre Mission and Cheyenne Museum.

Along the route, stop by traditional gift shops in Lame Deer and find beaded leather moccasins, beaded jewelry, wild jelly and much more. Visit Chief Two Moons Monument, created in honor of the famous Cheyenne chief who was a model for the buffalo nickel.

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UNCOVER THE PAST

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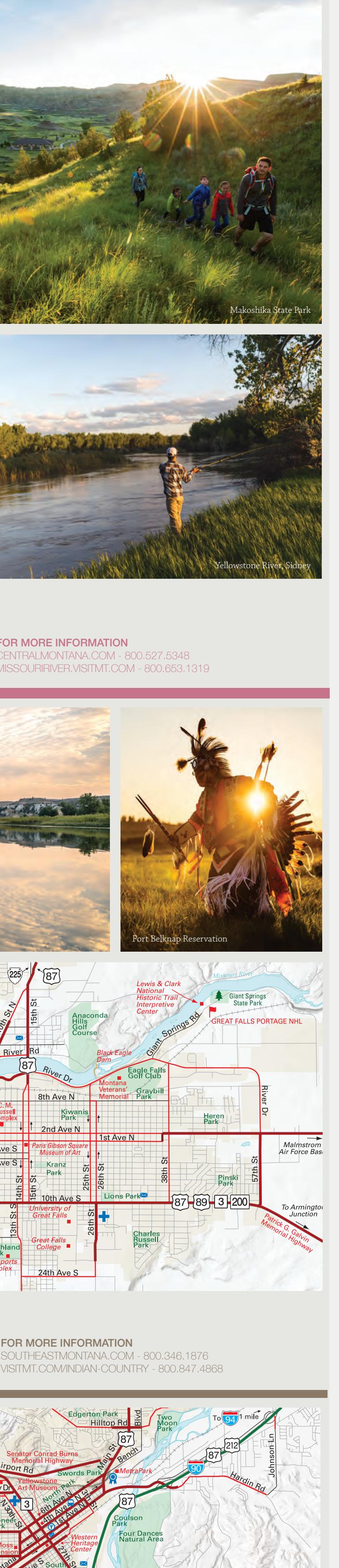
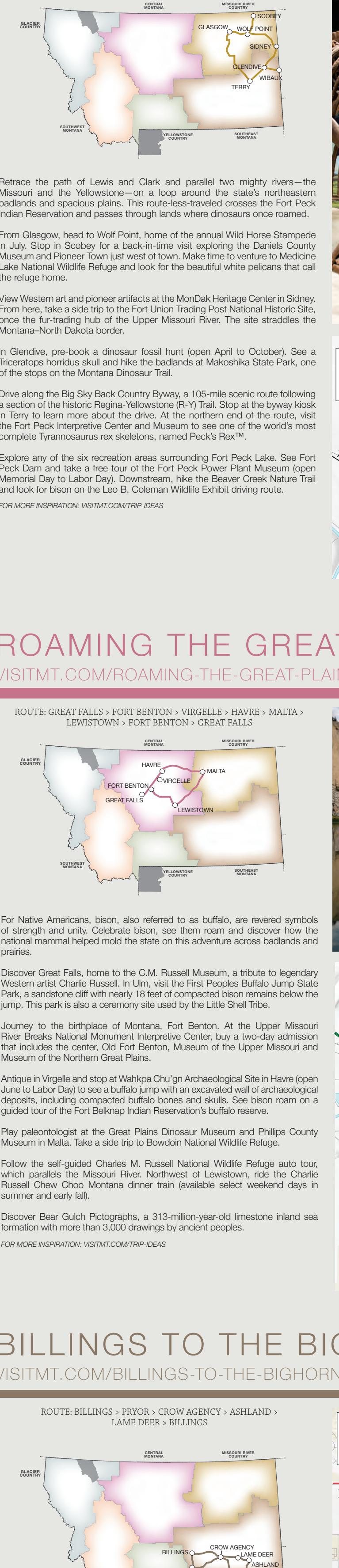
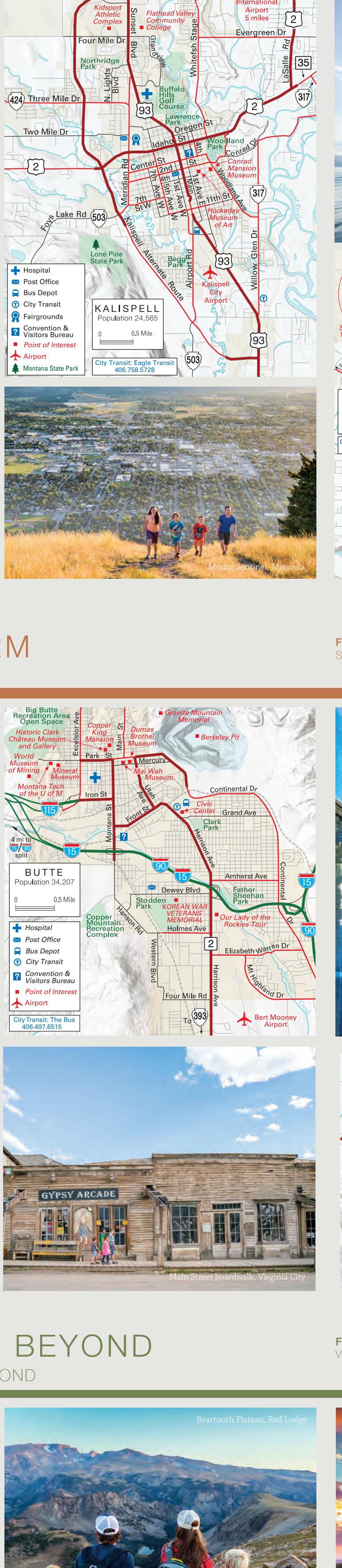
Retrace the path of Lewis and Clark and parallel two mighty rivers—the Missouri and the Yellowstone—on a loop around the state's northeastern mountains and spacious plains.

From Gloucester, head to Wolf Point, home of the annual Wild Horse Stampede in July. Stop in Scoby for a back-in-time visit exploring the Daniels County Museum and Pioneer Town just west of town. Make time to venture to Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge and look for the beautiful white pelicans that call the refuge home.

View Western art and pioneer artifacts at the Fort Peck Heritage Center in Sidney. From here, take a side trip to the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site. Once the fur-trading hub of the Upper Missouri River, the site straddles the two rivers.

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